

**Amendment No. 1 to HB4058**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 4085\***

**House Bill No. 4058**

by inserting the following language after the caption and immediately prior to the enacting clause as a preamble:

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the general assembly to eliminate cancer as a major health problem through research, education, and prevention focused on saving lives by increasing knowledge of the signs and symptoms of different types of cancers and the benefits of early detection; and

WHEREAS, The general assembly recognizes the traditional and significant role played by the department of health in educating the public about health issues and their relevance to maintaining a beneficial quality of life for all citizens; now, therefore  
AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. The title of this act is, and may be cited as, the "The Cancer Elimination Act Of 2008. "

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-1-1012.

(a) The department shall encourage the use of voluntary and donated public information efforts by the department and by relevant community health care providers and agencies. These public information efforts may include, but are not limited to, promoting Cancer Awareness Months or Weeks, in which the department in cooperation with the efforts of relevant community health care providers and agencies shall foster the public's knowledge and understanding of the signs and symptoms of the leading cancers in Tennessee.

(b) In the public information efforts authorized by subsection (a), the department shall seek to communicate to Tennessee consumers, patients and health care providers the importance of early detection by utilizing volunteer and donated print, electronic, audio, or other media, including public service announcements and advertisements, as deemed appropriate by the department. The department shall encourage appropriate physicians and other health care providers to actively educate their patients regarding cancer through dissemination of information and methods of detection and prevention.

(c) Where feasible, the department shall work with similar national campaigns directed toward health issues, as well as partner with health care professional organizations and governmental entities to enhance the efforts of the department related to cancer.

(d) The department may produce or contract with others to develop informational materials or may survey available publications from, among other sources, the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society, and may collect and formulate a distribution plan. Informational materials may be made available to the public free of charge.

SECTION 3. On or before February 1, 2009, the commissioner of health shall study and make available on the department of health internet web site a report concerning tobacco-use prevention and smoking cessation efforts by the state pursuant to funds appropriated by 2007 Public Chapter 603. The report shall identify the number of people who participated in the program and any identifiable effects of the efforts funded by the appropriation.

SECTION 4. On or before February 1, 2009, the commissioner of health shall study and make available on the department of health internet web site a report concerning efforts to enhance utilization of breast and cervical cancer screenings by women in this state. The report shall identify the number of women who participated in the program, the number of women who were referred for treatment and assess the

effectiveness of any educational efforts related to breast and cervical cancer, particularly among uninsured and uninsurable women.

SECTION 5. The department of health is directed to study the feasibility of creating a Tennessee Colorectal Cancer Screening Program (TCCSP) as a pilot program for uninsured and underinsured women and men, modeled after the Tennessee Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (TBCCSP), as authorized in Tennessee Code Annotated Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 18. The department shall consult with the American Cancer Society and other appropriate entities for advice concerning this study. On or before February 1, 2009, the commissioner of health shall study and make available on the department of health internet web site a report concerning the results of the department's study and any findings concerning the feasibility of a pilot project for fiscal year 2009-2010.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.